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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : S. 920 - Amendment to the Communications Act

1. I have reviewed the correspondence you forwarded to me on this subject and offer the following comments:

a. This bill, if passed, can be of some minor technical value to this Office. Many of our personnel are amateur radio enthusiasts. Under present regulations when no security problem exists, and the host country permits, we grant permission to our personnel to establish and operate amateur radio stations. In this fashion the Office obtains the benefits of proficiency which this operation provides.

b. In 1962 correspondence from the Department of Justice, comments are made regarding possible subversive actions which technically qualified personnel could perform to disrupt or confuse national security actions. Following these comments the Department of Justice concludes that since the subject of this legislation is not of primary responsibility to them they make no recommendation as to its enactment. 1963 Department of Justice correspondence refers to this earlier exchange.

c. FCC offers no objection in principle to this bill and the Department of State offers no objection from the standpoint of foreign relations.

2. I have talked with Mr. James Angleton of the CI Staff, DD/P and sought his views. As of the time of our talk he had not made a judgment on this matter and indicated he intends to offer his comments directly to you. As a consequence, these comments will represent only the Office of Communications.

3. In view of the facts available to this Office, it would appear that CIA has no meaningful reasons for supporting the bill or recommending against its passage. It is therefore recommended that the Agency position on this matter be that of not objecting or actively supporting.

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<p>Remarks: Attached are copies of S. 920, a bill to amend the Communication Act with respect to alien amateur radio operators and proposed reports on this bill from the Air Force, Department of Justice, Federal Communications Commission, and the Department of State. The sections of these proposed reports that have been marked make it obvious that the Executive Branch is in disagreement on the position which should be taken on this legislation. BOB has requested our views. Please review this material and give us your recommendations for an Agency position no later than close of business 1 August.</p>			
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